

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 5, 2003. Claims 1-6 are currently pending. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has withdrawn the Finality of the previous Office Action dated June 19, 2003.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kawashima* (U.S. 5,201,068) in view of *Son et al.* (U.S. 6,212,408 B1).

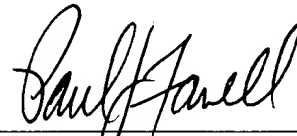
As indicated above, the Examiner has rejected independent Claims 1-4 as being unpatentable over *Kawashima* in view of *Son*. More specifically, the Examiner asserts that *Kawashima* discloses all the elements of these claims, except for registering the voice command by the user, which is allegedly taught in *Son*. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect.

Son is directed to a system and method for enabling a communication device to accept a voice command from a user. However, there is no section of *Son* in which the user registers the voice commands in the communication device as is recited in each of rejected Claims 1-4. In *Son*, voice commands are spoken into the phone and respective operations are carried out according to the voice commands received. However, it is respectfully submitted that in no section of *Son* does the user register what these voice commands will be. Further, it is respectfully submitted that *Kawashima* does not cure this deficiency of *Son*. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner is incorrect in the rejections of Claims 1-4 and it is respectfully request that the rejection of independent Claims 1-4 be withdrawn.

As independent Claims 1-4 are now believed to be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully submitted that dependent Claims 5-6 are also in condition for allowance as being dependent upon independent Claim 1.

In view of the preceding remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-6, are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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